Successful Christian Living

Charlie Prior September 4, 2019 PM Service Colossians 1:1-25, Ephesians 1:15-23, Ephesians 3:14-21, Philippians 1:3-11, John 15:16, Matthew 6:33, 2 Corinthians 4:4-6, Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 2:9-10. Hebrews 12:2

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother,

To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,

For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;



Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

We need to be thankful for everything that God has done in our lives.



Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,



Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;



That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:



18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,



19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,



20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,



21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:



22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church.



23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,



15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.



3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,



4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,



5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;



6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:



7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.



8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.



9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;



11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.



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We should always pray the will of God

We should walk worthy of the Lord

5 points of walking worthy

1. Increasing in the knowledge of God

2. Be fruitful in every good work

<u>John 15:16</u>

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

3. Increasing in the knowledge of God

Studying the Word of God will make you hungry for more of the Word

4. Be strong in the Lord

5. Give thanks

We all need a point of reference and that is Jesus

1. Jesus is God's revelation to US

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

2 Corinthians 4:4

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 1:3

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

Hebrews 1:3 TPT

The Son is the dazzling radiance of God's splendor, the exact expression of God's true nature—his mirror image! He holds the universe together and expands it by the mighty power of his spoken word. He accomplished for us the complete cleansing of sins, and then took his seat on the highest throne at the right hand of the majestic One.

2. Jesus is the creator and sustainer of all things

Colossians 1:15 TPT

He is the divine portrait, the true likeness of the invisible God, and the first-born heir of all creation.

Colossians 1:16 TPT

For through the Son everything was created, both in the heavenly realm and on the earth, all that is seen and all that is unseen. Every seat of power, realm of government, principality, and authority—it was all created through him and for his purpose!

Colossians 1:17 TPT

He existed before anything was made, and now everything finds completion in him.

3. Jesus is the head of the church

4. Jesus is

Our

reconsiler

We have access to everything that God has

Colossians 2:9

He existed before anything was made, and now everything finds completion in him.

Colossians 2:10

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

<u>Hebrews 12:2</u>

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.